

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Franklin H. Valade Jr.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 22, 2008, the period for response having been extended herein to April 22, 2009, by payment of the requisite fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.